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In re Application of:)
Hofstraat et al.) Group Art Unit: 1641
Serial No.: 09/380,336) Examiner: G. Gabel
Filed: November 23, 1999)
Title: DIAGNOSTIC NEODYMIUM (III))
YTTERBIUM(III) OR ERBIUM (III) ION -)
LIGAND COMPLEXES)

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AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Office Action dated January 19, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-6 and 8-9 as set forth below and add new claims 10-14.

1 (Amended twice) A method for detection of an analyte in a test sample comprising the steps of:

preparing a lanthanide ion-ligand complex by contacting a lanthanide ion ^{with} a ligand, wherein the lanthanide ion is selected from the group consisting of neodymium (III) ion, ytterbium (III) ion (Yb^{3+}) and erbium (III) ion (Er^{3+}), and wherein the ligand comprises a sensitizing moiety, which absorbs light in the 400 - 1000 nm region;

labeling an immunoreactant with the lanthanide ion-ligand complex by contacting the immunoreactant with the lanthanide ion-ligand complex to form a labeled immunoreactant;

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☒ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

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